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## 1. Reference Document and Subject:

Undated clipping ( July 1954) from American Metals Market regarding change in Italian import regulations for copper.

## 2. DCM Cases:

None

## 3. Summary of Situation:

The clipping is given in full as follows:

## "Italian Imports of Copper from Dollar Area

None --(Contel.)-- Italian customs officials say now themselves authorize the import of raw copper, copper waste and copper scrap from dollar area countries without a Ministerial license, on presentation of the appropriate authority.

"The copper may not however, be imported from Chile or any other country with which Italy has special trade agreements."

## 4. I/ST Suggestions:

1. Does this change have any implications for the problem of enforcement of export controls on copper? Does this indicate a possible loophole in the granting of Italian ICs for copper imports which might be used for diversion purposes?
2. Is there any communication from Rome on this matter?

## 5. DCM Action:

*Henry*  
*File, give it to Tom Strong*  
*George not an item to be sent out;*  
*Knoll*  
*Feel nothing in this*

\*DOC Exemption Letter In EUR File\*

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